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James Idwal Jones (1900-82)

James Idwal Jones represented the Wrexham constituency in Parliament for the Labour Party from 1955 until his retirement in 1970. The son of a Rhos miner, he became active in politics from an early age. He was educated at Ruabon Grammar School and Bangor Normal College, later gaining the BSc Economics degree of London University. He taught in Rhos from 1928 onwards becoming headmaster of Grango School in 1938. He was defeated as the Labour candidate for the Denbigh Division in the 1951 election.

As MP for Wrexham, J.I.Jones was concerned, amongst other things, with the setting up of the industrial estate, and the permanent establishment of Cartrefle College. These and his many interests including education, the Welsh language and affairs, the creation of employment opportunities, are all well represented in his papers. His brother T.W.Jones, later Lord Maelor, was Labour MP for Merioneth for the period 1951-66.

He was a prolific contributor of articles to the press, many are in the collection. He was author of a number of books including the first historical atlas of Wales, published in 1952. His records were deposited by his son, Assistant Director of Education for the county of Clwyd.

[Note: The following collection consists mainly of a series of scrap-books compiled by the late J.I.Jones (JIJ) together with correspondence on general and particular subjects. The scrap-books contain press cuttings and other printed matter, and original correspondence, and often include notes by the compiler expanding or commenting on particular items. The catalogue names only some of the correspondents, and refers to only a selection of the topics covered.]

1. Press cuttings mainly on socialist policies from Daily Herald 'Our Labour' column, 1924-8. Addresses, incl. one delivered during National Strike; articles on political topics; erthyglau yn Y Dinesydd Cymreig, Y Seren, Y Cymro, 1923-6. 1923-36 (1 vol.).
2. Press cuttings and MS. account of candidacy in Denbigh Division in general election of 1951. n.d. [1951-c.1970] (1 vol.).
3. Correspondence and press cuttings, subjects incl. education, economic policy, Welsh Folk Museum, and unemployment. Correspondents incl. D.R.Grenfell, MP, 1956. Electoral address, 1953. 1953-8 (1 vol.).

- DD/DM/698/4. Telegram to JIJ from Rhos Wrexham Labour Party concerning loss of party whip by A[neurin] Bevan. 21 March 1955.
5. Press cuttings on general election campaign in Wrexham Parliamentary Division, and result. 1955 (1 vol.).
  6. Correspondence and press cuttings, subjects incl. teacher training; youth employment; compulsory teaching of Welsh; creation of office of Minister of State for Welsh Affairs, 1955-9. Letter from Geoffrey de Freitas MP with related press cuttings and list of delegates concerning conference of NATO Parliamentarians at Paris, with part transcript of proceedings (containing first words in Welsh language spoken at a NATO conference [by JIJ]), 1958. Notes by JIJ concerning case for nuclear power station in Wales, 1957. Erthygl, 'Y Bedyddwyr Albanaidd' o Seren Gomer, dim dyddiad [tua 1958]. 1955-9 (1 vol.).
  7. Notes from Desmond Donnelly MP and Cledwyn Hughes MP concerning JIJ's speech in Welsh language debate, 1970. Press cuttings on retirement, 1970. Toriadau ynglŷn âg etholiad 1955. 1955-70 (1 vol.).
  8. Press cuttings, various subjects incl. profile in Wrexham Leader, 1955; 'University College for Wrexham?', Rhos Herald, 1962. 1955-80 (1 bdle.).
  9. Address on United Nations delivered on U.N.Sunday at Queen Street Congregational Chapel, Wrexham. 1956.
  10. Correspondence and copy correspondence concerning establishment of Wrexham Industrial Estate. Correspondents incl. John Hare, MP (Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), 1958; Christopher Soames, MP (his successor), 1960; Reginald Maudling, MP (President of the Board of Trade), 1960; Keith Joseph, MP (Minister of Welsh Affairs), 1963; and George Darling, MP (Minister of State, Board of Trade), 1967. 1956-67 (1 bdle.).
  11. Cuttings from Hansard concerning railway closures in Wales, 1963. Press cuttings with related correspondence on Public Libraries and Museums Bill, 1964. Press article by JIJ on water conservation 1964. Order of Service, sermon by JIJ, and related correspondence regarding Cartrefle Training College Valedictory Service, 1964. Erthyglau, 'Y Blaid Lafur ac Ysgrifennydd i Gymru', Baner ac Amserau Cymru, 1963, 'Techneg Propaganda Plaid Cymru', ac 'Y Farchnad Gyffredin Ewropeaidd', Baner ac Amserau Cymru, 1964. Speech delivered at centenary celebrations of Wrexham Borough Council, 1957. 1957, 1963-4 (1 vol.).

- DD/DM/698/12. Correspondence on subjects incl. technical colleges; age qualification for secondary schools; Parliamentary and party matters. Correspondents incl. James Griffiths, MP (Secretary of State for Wales from 1964), 1957-65; Lord Hailsham (Minister of Education), 1957; Sir David Eccles, MP (Minister of Education), 1962; Sir Edward Boyle, MP (Minister of Education), 1963; Jeremy Thorpe, MP, 1966; Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister) (detailed letter on economic policy), 1968; Bob Mellish, MP (Labour Chief Whip), 1970; Horace King, MP (Speaker of House of Commons), 1970. 1957-70 (1 bdle.).
13. Correspondence and copy correspondence concerning Cartrefle College, Wrexham incl. account by JIJ on 'Cartrefle in Parliament'. Correspondents incl. Reg Prentis, MP (Minister of State, Department of Education and Science), 1964; Tony Crossland MP (his successor), 1964-5; Sir Edward Boyle, MP (Minister of Education), 1958. 1958-67 (1 bdle.).
14. MS. account on formulation of Labour Party Welsh policy statement incl. decision of creation of office of Secretary of State for Wales, and on meetings of Labour Party Tripartite Committee, with copy minutes of two meetings. 1959 (1 bdle.).
15. Press cuttings on subjects incl. Wrexham as development area, 1959; publishing of JIJ, A New Geography of Wales, 1960; election as chairman of Welsh Parliamentary Labour Group, 1960; debate on medical appeals tribunals, 1960. Memorandum on the abstentions in the opposition motion of censure regarding the government's failure to put forward proposals for a balanced NATO strategy in Europe, 1960. 1959-60 (1 vol.).
16. JIJ, 'Gaps in the Structure of Education', and 'Chaos in the Technical Education System', from The Teacher in Wales, 1960. Press cuttings on subject of Cartrefle College being made a permanent college, 1961. Letter from Hugh [Gaitskill, MP, Leader of Labour Party] on debate on technical education, 1961. Written answer and press cuttings on Wrexham Industrial Estate, 1961. JIJ press article on history of Rhosllanerchrugog, 1961. Cuttings from Hansard on debates on economic situation, 1961, and licensing bill, 1961. Reports of speeches by JIJ at National Eisteddfod at Rhos, 1961. JIJ, 'Crefydd yn Nyffryn Maelor', London Welshman, 1961. 1960-1 (1 vol.).
17. JIJ, 'Retrospect and Prospect in Education' (press article), 1962. Press cuttings on Education Bill and debate on Education in Wales, 1962. Llythyr oddi wrth Cynan (Dirprwy Archdderwydd a Chofiadur) yn gwahodd JIJ i fod yn dderwydd (gwisg wen), a lluniau a toriadau o'r wasg am yr archlysur, 1962. Llythyr o longyfarchion oddi wrth James Griffiths, AS, 1962. Press cuttings on opening of Rhos library, 1962, JIJ, 'University expenditure: Present plans are too inadequate', The Teacher in Wales, 1962. 1962 (1 vol.).
18. Toriadau o'r gyfres 'Nodion o'r Senedd' yn Y Cymro gan JIJ, 1969. Press cuttings of opening of Wrexham Library, with illustrated brochure, 1973, and speech on opening of Rhos library, 1962. 1962-73.

- DD/DM/698/19. Circular letter from Secretary of Parliamentary Labour Party on election of chairman and leader of Labour Party, 1963. Erthyglau, 'Cryfder y Werin, dyna gryfder Cymru', 'Argyfwng Anffortunus yr Iaith Cymraeg', ac erthygl ar batrwm bywyd a chrefydd cefn gwlad, 1963. Christmas card from Harold and Mary Wilson, 1963. Letters of congratulation from clerks of Denbighshire County Council and Wrexham Borough Council on speech in unemployment debate, 1963. Letter from Harold Macmillan, MP (Prime Minister), on Pentre Maelor housing estate, 1963. Press cuttings on rail closures, 1963. 1963 (1 vol.).
20. Cuttings from Hansard of reports of debates in Parliament. 1963-70 (1 bdl.).
21. Erthygl gan JIJ, 'Yn Bersonol 'Rwyn Credu ...', Byw, 1965. Cuttings from Hansard on agriculture in Wales debate, 1965. Invitation from Speaker to become member of conference on electoral reform, 1965. Erthygl gan JIJ, 'Cenhedlaetholi Dur', Barn, Gorffennaf 1965. Press cuttings and related correspondence, including letters from Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister), and Goronwy [Roberts, MP (Minister of State for Education and Science)] concerning establishment of Firestone Tyre Co. factory in Wrexham, 1965. Hansard report and press cuttings on debate on Welsh language, 1965. 1964-5 (1 vol.).
22. Correspondence, and copy correspondence, 1960-1, mainly relating to Wrexham Industrial Estate and Firestone Tyre Co. factory, with some press cuttings, 1964-5. Correspondents incl. Douglas Jay, MP (President of Board of Trade), 1965, James Griffiths, MP (Secretary of State for Wales), 1965. Letter from Lord Robens (Chairman of National Coal Board) on future of Llay Main and Bersham collieries, 1965. 1964-5 (1 vol.).
23. JIJ electoral addresses. 1964, 1966.
24. Erthyglau gan JIJ, 'A yw Cymru'n mynd yn baganaidd?', Baner ac Amserau Cymru, 9 Mehefin 1966; 9 Mehefin 1966; 'Canu i'r Iesu', Y Tyst, 21 Gorffennaf 1966. Electoral address. 1964. Labour Party manifesto, Time for Decision, 1966. 1964-6 (1 vol.).
25. Order of memorial service to Lady Megan Lloyd George. 1966.
26. Toriadau papurau newydd, ac adolygiadau ynglŷn â chyhoeddiad JIJ, J.R.Jones: Ramoth a'i Amserau, 1966. Correspondence, papers and cuttings on Llangollen International Eisteddfod Bill incl. copies with drafts of bills, 1967. Menu and programme of luncheon marking opening of Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co., 1967. Press cutting incl. Hansard on debate on Sunday Entertainments Bill, 1968. Speech on Ruabon Grammar School speech-day, 1966. 1966-7 (1 vol.).

- DD/DM/698/27. Letter and message from Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister) on 250th anniversary of Yale University celebrations at Wrexham, 1968. Press cuttings on opposition to Representation of the People Bill (lowering of voter's age to 18), 1968; visit of Secretary of State, George Thomas, MP to Vauxhall Industrial Estate, 1968; unveiling of Groes Foel monument, 1968. Anerchiadau fel llywydd eisteddfod Rhos, 1968, a Gwyl Genedlaethol Cerdd Dant, Rhos, 1969. Speech at reception at Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, 1969. Press cuttings on announcement of future retirement, 1969. 1968-9 (1 vol.).
28. Account by JIJ of resignation of Clement Atlee as leader of Labour Party and election of successor and other party officials, 1955. n.d. [1955].